# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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SEMESTER SYSTEM IN EXISTING EXAMINATION SYSTEM
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce Semester System at the 11th and 12th standard classes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in order to ensure that the percentage of children goint in for higher education is increased by at least 50% over the present rate, during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, Government proposes to shift to Semester System in the country to replace the existing annual examination system in regard to higher education;

(d) if so, the details of the comprehensive plan drawn out in this regard;

(e) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken in this regard;

(f) if so, whether Common Entrance Test (CET) system of admission will be replaced by Semester scheme for admission to various technical institutions; (g) if so, whether a number of recommendations have come from the States; and (h) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) No, sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Some of the Universities have already introduced semester system of examination. As a part of academic reforms in higher education, the question of introduction of semester system to replace the existing annual examination system was discussed in the Conference of the Vice-Chancellors held on 10-11 October 2007. A view was taken in the said conference that academic reforms should be introduced after a careful study of feasibility and in a selective manner.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) & (h) Do not arise.